

# Town of Monroe



**TOM BUZI**  
*First Selectman*

## OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

Town Hall  
7 Fan Hill Road  
Monroe, Connecticut 06468-1800  
Phone: (203) 452-2821  
Fax: (203) 452-5475  
Email: [tbuzi@monroect.org](mailto:tbuzi@monroect.org)

March 23, 2009

Education Committee  
Room 3100, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: *Written Testimony on behalf of SB-1142*

Dear Committee Members:

As the Chief Elected Official of the Town of Monroe, it is with great urgency that I support the delay of implementation of the in-school suspension mandate until July 1, 2011. Delaying this mandate will reduce the cost of personnel to supervise in-school suspension as well as reduce the need to allocate specialized space for in-school suspension.

Although this issue is more prevalent in urban districts around Connecticut, imposing any mandates at this time is counterproductive to us all on the local level. By delaying this mandate, towns and cities will be able to keep focus on the larger fiscal issues at hand, allowing us to work together in creating solutions for these uncertain economic times.

On behalf of the Town of Monroe,



Tom Buzi, First Selectman